

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application as amended. Claims 12 and 13 have been amended. No claims have been cancelled. No new claims have been added. Therefore, claims 1-24 are presented for examination.

35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejection

Claims 1-3, 5, 8-10, 12, 15, 16-18 and 22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Kozaki, et al. U.S. Patent No. 5,828,888 (“Kozaki”).

Applicants respectfully submit that Kozaki discloses a “computer network having [an] os-versions management table to *initiate [a] network boot process* via [a] master computer.” (Title; emphasis provided). Kozaki further discloses that “[t]he list of OS versions contained in [a] message is displayed and *one of the OS versions is selected by the user at the source computer*. The version number of the selected operating system is entered through [a] console and *a network boot message is produced*.” (col. 4, lines 19-24; emphasis provided). The “[c]omputer returns a network boot response message by sending a copy of the requested operating system to the source computer, and then [sends] *a network boot complete message*.” (col. 4, lines 29-33; emphasis provided).

In contrast, claim 1, in pertinent part, recites “upon a selection of the operating system, instructing the device through the network to install the operating system.” (emphasis provided). Kozaki discloses selecting an operating system, and booting the selected operating system (see col. 4, lines 19-33); however, Kozaki fails to teach or reasonably suggest installing the selected operating system. (see claim 1). Simply *selecting an operating system to boot* is not the same as selecting an operating system to be installed remotely on a computer system, as in claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants

respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection to claim 1 and its dependent claims.

Claims 5, 8, 12, 15 and 22 contain limitations similar to those of claims 1.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 5, 8, 12, 15 and 22 and their dependent claims.

35 U.S.C. § 103 Rejection

Claims 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19-21, 23 and 24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), as being unpatentable over Kozaki, in view of Slivka et al., U.S. Patent 6,256,668 (“Slivka”).

Claims 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19-21, 23 and 24 depend from one of independent claims 1, 5, 8, 12, 15 and 22 and thus they include all the limitations of their base claim. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection of claims 4, 6, 7, 11, 13, 14, 19-21, 23 and 24.

Conclusion

In light of the foregoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is hereby earnestly requested.

Invitation for a Telephone Interview

The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (303) 740-1980 if there remains any issue with allowance of the case.

Request for an Extension of Time

Applicants respectfully petition for an extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) should one be necessary. Please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-2666 to cover the necessary fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) for such an extension.

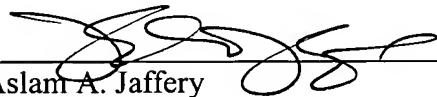
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